THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) A number of foreign shipping companies are operating in India's overseas trade from/to various Indian ports. Some of the important foreign shipping companies are American President Lines (USA), Anchor Line (U.K.), Lloyd Trisino (Italy), Nedllyod Lingnen (Netherland), Polish Ocean Lints (Poland), Jugolinini Rajeka (Yugoslavia), Blask Sea Shipping Co. (USSR). Overseas Containers (U.K.), Pakistan Shipping Corporation (Pakistan), Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (Bangladesh) etc.

Shipping Chartered by Shipping Corporation of India

1238. SHRI BIR BHANDRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of ships chartered by the Shipping Corporation of India Limited, Bombay, during the last three years and the total amount of chartering charges paid to each owner along with the names of brokers both domestic and foreign;

(b) what efforts are being made to develop coastal trade with small-six container vessels;

(c) whether it is a fact that Indian trade for export business is greately suffering due to want of proper containre vessels for plying between coast to coast: and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and further action proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Shipping Corporation of India Limited has already developed regular feeder services along the Indian coast. The feeder services are at present being operated partly by cellular container ships taken on time charter and partly by SCI's combi ships.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Saudi aid for Nava Sheva Port

1239. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Economic Times, Delhi of the 25th April, 1986 under the caption "Saudis to cofinance Nava Sheva";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the details of aid that is likely to be available for the development of the Part?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Yes. An Indian Delegation recently visited Riyadh and held detailed discussion with the Saudi Fund Authorities for co-financing Nhava Sheva Port Project. The Saudi Fund representatives aer schedule to visit India shortly for concluding the loan agreement.

(c) The draft loan agreement to be entered into with Saudi Fund Authorities envisages a loan of 141 million Sadui Riyals (equivalent to 39.63 million us dollars) likely to be given by Saudi Fund Authorities to Government of India for co-financing "Filling Works" component of this project. The term of the loan is 20 years, including a five year grace period.

Demurrage charged at port for delayed clearance of cargo

1240. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ships are charged demurrage for delayed clearance of their cargo and if so, what are the rules governing demurrage at major Indian ports;